

# TE KURA ORA

A Newsletter For Cook Islands NGO's and Partners

## Polynesia focus on women + kids

Creating the linkages between international agreements and national planning processes is a challenge small island states are having to grapple with. Last months sub-regional meeting in Tonga of Polynesian countries including the Cook Islands looked at how our countries are integrating the millennium development goals and the rights of women (CEDAW) and children (CRC) in their respective national development plans.

On the Cooks delegation were two

NGO representatives as well as two staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Teams with similar representations also attended from Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Each delegation presented progress reports on the MDGs. The meeting subsequently discussed common issues with integration of these agreements in the planning processes. The meeting also looked at performance indicators identified in the national development plans and budgetary commitments with specific focus on the needs of women

and children.

One of the interesting aspects of the meeting was the effort to demystify the reporting requirements and processes under the MDGs, CEDAW, CRC and national development plans.

Countries are encouraged to design their planning and reporting templates with general guidelines from the regional executing agencies. Costs for the one week meeting was met by the UN Resident Coordinators Office in Samoa with facilitators and resource staff from UNIFEM and UNDP Suva.

### Celebrate nature 2005!

World Environment Day — a UN flagship event since 1972 is celebrated every year on 5 June in more than 100 countries around the world.

In the Cook Islands, this will be celebrated from Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July on Rarotonga.

Event co-ordinator Keri Herman of the National Environment Services (NES) is asking all NGOs for suggestions on activities which could be carried out during that week, to make this celebration a successful one.

Herman can be contacted at NES on phone 21256 during working hours.

The purpose of World Environment Day is to focus worldwide attention onto the importance of the environment.

### Mentoring our young women



Last year in November Tapu Enjoy and I instigated a dream we had to develop

our passion in our women's sewing. We contacted Mata Lyons and Agnes Winchester, and hence the birth of our new group the Cook Islands Maire Tivai..

We had other interested older women and a few young women in the

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# Kia Orana from the President

Kia Orana again to all NGOs and the people of the Cook Islands. I hope that you all have enjoyed our last 'Te Kura Ora', and looking forward to more exciting news and activities of the last few weeks.

Since its establishment in 1986, CIANGO has played a multiple supportive voluntary roles to various organisations in the country. This has included Government activities.

These are the unheard or unrecognised contribution that CIANGO has voluntarily offered to the national development processes of our beautiful nation.

Somehow, during the course of time and increase in membership, (68 member groups now), CIANGO has become known and recognised regionally and internationally, hence its being recognised as the National Liaison Unit for coordination, consultation, planning, organising and implementing of national, regional, educational and training programs at the community level.

These have come in many forms — workshops, meetings, conferences, and a host of other national activities contributing in turn to the steady development of NGOs in the Cook Islands.

Much of CIANGOs activities and service projects have benefited our communities over the years.

In this edition, we humbly thank those dedicated groups and member organisations for your continuing support of national activities whether organised by CIANGO or our development partners — government and the private sector.

To the reader, I invite you to visit the CIANGO office and help where you can.

Only when you are actually involved will you truly understand and perhaps appreciate the joys and challenges of working in this sector.

Meitaki maata

**Vereara Maeva-Taripo  
President**

## From the CIANGO secretariat

### Community Projects

Community development programmes is the thrust of CIANGOs work with local groups and organisations. Apart from that is the partnership with national government on a host of overseas aid funded projects such as the European Union (EU) funds for NGOs and the MDGs funds through partnership with government and the UN System.

EU funds for NGOs channelled through the Ministry of Finance is assisting NGOs throughout the country with development and capacity building projects. The CIANGO secretariat is responsible for coordination of these funds and for receiving project proposals from communities. See table for disbursement of EU project funds:

2005/06 Projects (15 altogether), are still being processed and will soon be forwarded to EU, for consideration. Many thanks to the EU and government

for the wonderful opportunities this partnership has provided for our communities.

CIANGO is also privileged with another grant of \$20,000 from NZAID. This grant covers the employment of an extra part time staff as well as support for our core costs.

Seed funding of \$8,082 from the NZAID Community Initiatives Scheme has been granted to the Maire Tivaivai Vainetini. Congratulations to this group of innovative young women and thanks to CIS for supporting one of CIANGOs goal toward the development of our young women in the area of tivaivai making. These activities by the Secretariat are just some of the many things that has kept CIANGO going from strength to strength. There will be more to tell in the next edition. So make sure that you get a copy of Te Kura Ora, or visit us at the Secretariat in Tupapa for a chat over a nice cuppa.

#### 2003/04 approved EU funded projects

1. Are Pa Taunga ( purchase of van)	\$18,500
2. Mitiaro Disability/Welfare Clinic	12,000
3. Pukapuka Vainetini	10,000
4. Vaipae Sunday School/Community Hall Renovation	11,000
5. Mauke NGOs (MANGO) Anaraura Road Project	30,000
6. Mangaia CICC Vainetini	10,000
7. Aitutaki Women & Youths Income Generation	10,000
8. CIANGO Secretariat	50,000
<b>Total Budget Approved</b>	<b>\$151,500</b>

#### 2004/05

1. Penrhyn Women's Council	\$14,000
2. Palmerston Women's Group	6,000
3. Enuamanu United NGOs	15,000
4. Cook Islands National Council of Women	15,217
5. Mangaia Beach Stairway Construction	8,197
6. Aretuku (Aitutaki) United Youths Club	15,000
7. Mangaia Women's Centre – Overhead Tank	7,230
8. Arutanga CICC Women's Group	9,000
9. Disability Creative Centre	10,000
10. Veitatei (Mangaia) Lake Conservation	5,000
11. Mitiaro Coconut Crab Conservation	3,000
12. CIANGO Secretariat	67,800
13. Miscellaneous	400
<b>Total Budget Approved</b>	<b>\$175,627</b>

### From the Secretariat...

We have all come through some trying times, and we are now looking ahead for better prospects throughout the rest of the year. Recent happenings at the Secretariat are summarized as follows:

Staff attendance at regional meetings:

Pacific Regional Consultation on the GPPAC Programme 17-22 April 05 – Funded by Oxfam Australia, NZ Aid and UNDP, Pacific Harbour, FIJI Islands.

General Secretary Pori Williams attended on behalf of CIANGO. The conference theme was "From Reaction to

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# TIS AGM rounds up the year

## UNESCO Small Island Voice updates

**Broadcasting of the 30 second environmental spots** on the outer islands which were run prior to Mauke Memories from the outer island video upgrade course that I conducted for TIS in April 2004.

**Travel to Mauke** where our team shot the documentary. Huge effort was put in to this documentary by myself, Jean Mason and Paolo Cattania. It was broadcast in the outer islands over the holidays and we hope to broadcast on Rarotonga soon. Conservation, environment, linguistic preservation, youth development, notoriety for TIS, SIV, UNESCO, the Cook Islands in general and Mauke in particular. A great and lasting achievement that we can all be proud of.

SIV visits to schools: Avarua school - Gelling Jack; Nikao Maori School - Pae Tuteru; Nukutere college - Brother Frank distributing UNESCO magazines, reports, posters, T-shirts, encouraging participation of youth in SIV internet programs and establishing links with outer island schools of Mangaia and Aitutaki by email.

While on Mauke we gave presentations for TIS and SIV and enrolled Mauke school in the internet programs through teacher Angie Croft. Worked with Gail Townsend and assistant Jane Taurarii the Curriculum Advisors for Dept of

Education who help with distribution to the outer islands and here on Rarotonga, they will be using Mauke Memories as resource material for teaching of NCEA Maori classes.

**In January of 2005 TIS sent 2 youth** representatives to United Nations youth forum in Mauritius; Nancy Kareroa and Melinda Pierre. Committee member and former TIS president Ana Tiraa also attended this important meeting. These 3 did a tremendous job representing TIS, Cook Islands youth and our country. Their presentation using excerpts from Mauke Memories compiled by committee member Paolo Cattania, was the major hit of the entire youth conference raising the profile of our organization, UNESCO SIV, and the Cook Islands.

I have applied to UNESCO IFAP for further funding to shoot more documentaries on all of the islands in the Cook group; hoping to hear from them soon.

**Our association with UNESCO** has paid for most of our office equipment over the last 2 years and we have just received another grant applied for by Paolo and myself which we are using to purchase a digital projector, screen, fax machine, and PA system.

**We have just been visited** by Darcy Nugent who was traveling around the world assessing the UNESCO SIV program. I introduced her to our participating schools and students and helped

her to evaluate the program.

In addition, last November our Treasurer Ian Karika chaired the National Environmental Forum at the auditorium for the National Environment Service; a week long event attended by representatives from all of the outer islands and Rarotonga. TIS had a display which I set up and with the help of committee members Johnny Frisbie and Tamar a Suchodolsky participated in this important forum.

TIS members have participated all year with Waste Management supporting their endeavors to keep our island clean. TIS members also participated in the ADB efforts for legal and institutional strengthening of environmental management in the Cook Islands, culminating in a special meeting last month with Committee member Ana Tiraa delivering information of ongoing benefit to the Cook Islands and world.

We are still active participants in our affiliation with Birdlife International through Ana who is also the regional director of Birdlife International. We met with Don Stewart here on Rarotonga when he passed through and we have applied for a grant in this area. We also have an ongoing program of water testing being conducted by former TIS president Imogen Ingram with assistance from Ian.

*Contributed by TIS vice president Richard Wachter*

## Tivaivai art continued...

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early stages of the program keen to join to the group. We have now 15 members meeting once a week at the CIANGO office to plan and carry out our activities. Each one pays an annual membership and each project is financed by the members. Our programme encourages younger girls to be part of the tivaivai making culture with the older women being mentors and teaching and transferring knowledge and skills to our younger members. We have since received a grant of \$8,082 through the NZAID Community Initiative Scheme. The Cook Is-

lands Maire Tivaivai give thanks to NZAID for helping us in getting this programme off the ground.

We are at the second stage of cutting and sewing of tivaivai Taorei and this will be followed with pillow and cushions sets.

We anticipate to complete the full project of Tivaivai making and other



bedroom accessories, to table covers including the basic use of sewing machine and overlocker to dress making. We encourage women in the

community to take up these wonderful works of art in their spare time.

*Contributed by Pori Williams Ph: 22647*

# Tiki Tour of the Islands



## From Nukuroa....



### Training camp...

A Girls Brigade training camp was held from 22 -25 April 2005.

Two trainers from Rarotonga attended this training — Mrs Taamo Heather, National Coordinator for the Queens Award and Mrs Lily Henry both from the Cook Islands Girls Brigade.

The purpose of this training is to upgrade the standard of the company in Christian living, and to train young leaders to gain the Queens Award among other achievements.

At the end of the Camp, a young Leader Ms Ngatokorua Ngatuakana was sworn as GB Officer including two new committee members, Mrs Teei Aupuni and Mrs Akekura Tou. This was followed by a presentation of badges for the three ladies.

### Gender equality and HR training...

A four day training workshop on gender equality and human right and legal literacy was held from 10 – 13 May 05. Two representatives from the Punanga Tauturu family crisis centre.

The trainers were PT committee member Marjorie Crocombe and legal literacy officer Kairangi Samuel.

About 40 participants attended the training representing Women and Youth Groups, Church Leaders, School pupils and Government officials.

Welfare Officer Mrs Teatuaau Ngametua and the Women officer Mrs Teei Aupuni and the Nukuroa Vainetini Taokotai coordinated the Workshop.

The purpose of the Workshop was to understand the law in relation to the rights of women.

### Food for Life kicks off ...

A group of women and one Papa from the SDA Church in Titikaveka visited Mitiaro for three days last week to launch the Food For Life programme as well as to celebrate Mothers Day.

The group was accompanied during their visit by Papa Teava Iro.

President of the Nukuroa Vainetini Mrs Matau Tetava and all the Mamas of Mitiaro hosted the group.

During their visit, the group met with teachers and students and introduced

the Food for Life Programme to the schools.

They also organised a walkathon programme on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### ANZAC launch for new brass band

Uniform Organisations on Mitiaro played a big role in combining their normal program of activities during this year's ANZAC day.

The boys Brigade and Girls Brigade's new brass band equipment were used for the first time during the ANZAC parade.

Canada Fund assisted with 70 percent of the costs towards purchase of the equipment.

The other contributions came from the islands MP Hon. Tangata Vavia, the Mitiaro Christian Youth Club and our own Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade.

Members of the Boys Scout also joined the service which is usually hosted by the Cook Islands Christian Church.

— Meitaki ranuinui.

Report submitted by Julian Junior Aupini.

# Red Cross up north...

## Relief efforts in Pukapuka

It's almost four months since the cyclones and Red Cross's presence in the northern group is comforting many families. Due to the extensive damaged caused to taro and other crops on the island, the organisation was quick to respond to the needs of the local communities and assisting in the recovery programme.

A state of emergency was declared on Pukapuka after the island was badly hit by Cyclone Percy. The Cook Islands Red Cross Society has since been working closely with the Disaster Management Team and government, organizing and distributing food parcels.

Red Cross staff Julieanne Westrupp recently returned from Pukapuka where she spent five weeks coordinating a Food Work-Plan with the Red Cross branch.

With the assistance of NZ

Aid and Canada Funding, Red Cross has been able to supply food for the past two months for both Pukapuka and Nassau. This work plan will run for six months where food is sent monthly and food parcels are distributed to families on a fortnightly basis. The food parcels contain products such as corned beef, flour, rice, cabin bread, oil, coffee, tea, milo, milk and sugar.

Pukapuka has a population of 603 people, which consists of 112 families. Families range from one person to 13 people per household. Nassau has a population of 90 people, made up of 16 families.

The 12 Red Cross members in Pukapuka have dedicated their time voluntarily to make this project a success for their island as well as the society itself.

Food expenses total to \$23,000 per month and we

are in the process of seeking funding for the remaining four months.

## Pacific Regional HIV/AIDS project

With the assistance of AUSAID and the French government, Red Cross Cook Islands branch will be holding a project design and management workshop in June 2005. Following this will be a behaviour change communications workshop. Both workshops will be conducted by experts from Fiji and relate to HIV/AIDS.

If anyone is interested in participating in these two workshops, please contact Julieanne at the Red Cross office.

## Red Cross Disability Van

With assistance from Rotary Rarotonga, Red Cross staff Oropai Mataroa is able to pick up our children with disabilities and deliver them to school. This van has a power-lift where wheel

chairs can be uplifted and pushed straight into the van. Pickups start at 7.00am to 10.00am. The children are returned home after school.

If anyone is interested in this service for your child, please call Oropai at the Red Cross office.

## Rarotonga Peer Education – HIV/AIDS

Red Cross staff, Nukutau Pokura will now be concentrating on peer educators in Aitutaki as well as introducing it to Mangaia. With the assistance of Northern/Midland Region – New Zealand Red Cross, the Cook Islands Red Cross Society welcomes new staff member Ana File who will be looking after the peer educators on Rarotonga.

If you are interested in this area of work and would like to join this young and enthusiastic group, please contact Ana at the Red Cross office.

# Apiianga no runga i te turanga o te manako

Kua raveia tetai terenianga no teia tuanga puapinga o te oraanga tangata, koia te turanga o te manako i roto ia Aperira ra 18-22, ki te AOG Hall i Takuvaine.

Na te putuputuanga Te Kainga Mental Health & Family Services i akanoonoo e te akatere-tere atu i teia terenianga.

Kua tae mai te au tangata tereni mei roto mai i te Maraie Ora (Health), Akava, Apii, Are Auri, Internal Affairs pera katoa te au putuputuanga i vao ake i te Kavamani, CIANGO, NCW, PTT, Red Cross, Disability Council, Akanooanga Girl Guides, Girls Brigade, Child Welfare e te

vai atura.

Kua tere atu i te 50 tangata tei tae mai ki teia terenianga i te ra okotai. Kua mata katoa ia mai tetai o te au pa enua i vao ia Rarotonga.

Ko te akakoroanga maata o teia Apiianga tereni koia oki ko te akamaata atu i to tatou marama no runga i te au mea e riro na i te tamanamanata i te manako tangata.

Koia te stress, inu kava maata e te kai i tetai atu au vairakau taero, mei te drugs, te pekapeka e te takinokino i roto i te au ngutuare (domestic violence) e te vai atura.

No te mea oki i teia au taime ka tupu mai te maki

manako (mental illness) na roto mai i teia au manamanata nei.

E mea tau kia rauka ia tatou i te nakiro i teia au maki nei e te tauturu i te au taeake i tuia e te maki na roto i te ravenga rapakau e te paruru i te akaiti mai i te au manamanata i te manako. Teia te kaveinga manea i rauka mai no roto mai i teia Apiianga tere-mamao.

*Koia oki:*

Kia akataka meitakiia e te Kavamani tetai tuanga moni no te tauturu i teia tuanga puapinga o te oraanga tangata o teia Basileia Kuki Airani, koia te Mental Health (Turanga o te manako)

Kua mataora tikai te au

tangata i tae ki teia terenianga i te karape e te kite pakari o te puapii koia te taote maki manako Professor Paramesnara Deva, no Brunnei, Malaysia, roa mai aia te aere anga mai.

Kua pauna tikai te taime i te akanoonooanga e te raveanga i teia terenianga i na Mereana Taikoko ei.

Te akameitaki nei te Te Kainga Trust i te au tipatimani o te Kavamani e te au putuputuanga i vao i te Kavamani no ta kotou turuturu i teia akakoroanga kia tupu pera katoa te NZAID no te moni no teia terenianga.

Ka tai nei ka raveia tetai Apiianga terenianga mei teia tu ki te Kuki Airani nei.

# Homebytes from Te Kaveinga Ora

*Global warming, ozone holes, poisoned waterways, polluted atmosphere, animals and plants becoming extinct at the rate of one a day – the planet has reached a crisis point. Every day brings more doom and gloom about the state of our environment. It's important not to feel overwhelmed but to start doing something - practical things we can do everyday to ensure our islands and our children stay healthy without the threats from using dangerous chemicals. We can start with what you bring home from the supermarket!*

## Shopping for environmentally friendly household products



We're so used to buying because of good advertising but take another look at the contents of your cupboard and you might notice that some of those common household basics as pictured above are all you need for a non-toxic spring clean or deodorizing agent.

Most people use hazardous chemicals every day without knowing or thinking about it paint, solvents, glues, petrol, oil, oven cleaners, bleach, wood preservatives, fertilizers, toilet cleaners, batteries, nail polish and polish remover, pesticides the list goes on.

They are hazardous because they are poisonous, flammable, caustic & may cause skin burning to people, they kill or nourish harmful organisms or are chemically reactive.

**How you can do your bit**

### **for the environment**

- Buy environmentally friendly products (see products and uses article) these are usually advertised on the labels.

- Only buy as much as you need and read the label first to avoid highly toxic products.

- Sharing left-overs with neighbours or friends to ensure products are being used efficiently.

- Find safe substitutes for toxic chemicals.

### **Safe storage**

- Store in a dry place away from children heat or flames.

- Keep products in their original containers.

- Re-label if necessary.

- Keep lids tightly closed and sealed.

### **Safe Use**

- Always read and follow the directions on the

package.

- Use all of the product if possible.

- Do not mix products.

- Do not use more than recommended by the manufacturer.

### **Safe disposal**

- Never pour chemicals down the sink, stormwater drain or onto the ground.

- Do not put hazardous materials out with your household rubbish.

- Re-use or recycle where possible.

- Look for a hazardous waste disposal option for unwanted chemicals.

There are many safe alternatives for the household.

### **BAKING SODA (BICARBONATE OF SODA)**

Cleans, deodorizes, softens water and is a good scouring powder

~ **Sprinkle baking soda on a carpet** before vacuuming to deodorize.

To remove stains, make a spray from ¼ cup of borax and 2 cups of water, spray on and wipe off with a damp sponge.

Alternatively, try lemon juice or diluted white vinegar, or sprinkle salt or cornflour on the stain and vacuum after 30 minutes.

~ **Pot cleaner.** To remove burnt-on food, Cover the burnt area with water, add two teaspoons of baking soda and bring to the boil. Leave to cool and scrape off.

~ **Sinks, benches walls, tiles, in the kitchen and bathroom** can be cleaned using a little dry baking soda on a damp cloth.

~ **Bath stains can be removed** by rubbing with a thick paste of baking soda and vinegar. Leave for a few hours and rinse.

~ **Teapot and crockery stains** can be removed using a paste of baking soda and vinegar.

Coat the stained surface, leave overnight and rinse off with boiling water

~ **Refrigerators can be deodorized** when washed with a solution of baking soda and warm water.

An open container of baking soda absorbs odours, especially doggy and stale cigarette smells.

~ **Deodorise** rubbish bins, litter bins, carpets etc. with dry baking soda.

~ **Blackened grouting between tiles** can be cleaned when scrubbed with an old toothbrush using a paste made from baking soda and water.

~ **Car Battery cleaner.** Dissolve 2 tablespoons of baking soda in 1 litre of water to clean battery terminals. Smear Vaseline around the base of the terminals to prevent further build-up.

*by Pat Fitzgibbons*

*Next issue of Te Kura Ora, we will look at other products.*

# Voicing POPs concerns at global level

*The following article is a participants report on the first persistent organic pollutants (POPs) meeting of international stakeholders. In officialdom, it's known as a Conference of the Parties (COP). The Cook Islands last year signed up to the Stockholm Convention for POPs and Imogen Ingram, former President of Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Society was a participant at that meeting. The following article is her account of that experience.*

I became aware of Persistent Organic Pollutants (or POPs) in May 2003, when I was nominated by WWF to attend an awareness workshop on the subject. The Stockholm Convention has identified 12 POPs, nine of which are pesticides. Countries which are parties to the Convention have undertaken to phase them out. Since then I have steadily lobbied Cook Islands officials, and in April 2004 the Cook Islands acceded to the Convention, and now we have ratified and are a party to the Convention. The Convention came into force on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004, and shortly afterwards the date for the first *Convention of the Parties meeting was set for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2005. Concerns about lagoon degradation from agricultural runoff are one of the main reasons why I initiated and obtained funding from NZAID for the lagoon water quality testing that we have now been doing for six months.*

One of the POPs Secretariat people had advised us at a workshop in February 2004 that if the

Pacific Islands people wanted to get anything out of this Convention, then they should be present at the first Conference of the Parties #1 where the ground rules for participation are set. After a lot of planning, and with the assistance of the Conference Secretariat, I managed to get Taporoporo'anga Ipukarea Inc. ("TIS") accredited as an observer for the Conference of the Parties. I sought sponsorship to attend as an NGO from International POPs Elimination Network ("IPEN"), which TIS had joined during late 2003. I submitted a budget to IPEN which went through two rounds of evaluation before being approved, just days before departure.

First I attended the IPEN capacity building meeting in Montevideo, Uru-

guay where about 55 participants were prepared about the main issues by well-regarded scientists. Then we went by bus to Punta del Este on the the Atlantic coast of Uruguay. Apart from the Phillipines, I was the sole Pacific Islands representative in IPEN although there were several Australian participants to make us welcome. We stayed about 20 minutes walk way from the venue, our first obligation each morning at 8.30 am was the IPEN daily meeting. Then we all went to the meetings called for the regional group – ours was the Asia Pacific Regional Group.

I followed the issue entitled "Financial Mechanism" for which a Contact Group was established. The Contact Group was made up of parties and non-parties. Non-parties included NGO and business group observers and countries which had not yet ratified the Convention. At the Contact Groups, text drafted by the Secretariat is presented and amendments are negotiated until consensus has been reached. There are team plays, and other interesting tactics. Tempers get frayed as the night draws on and participants hold out for wording that they particularly want inserted. It is a truly a test of patience and determination. The next morning, participants report back to their Regional Groups.

Of particular concern to the Asia Pacific Regional Group was the lack of clear eligibility criteria to identify Small Islands Developing States and Economies in Transition for the purposes of access to GEF funds through such agencies as UNDP or UNEP. At first it was suggested that there should be a list of eligible countries contained in an appendix, but later this appendix was deleted. Although GEF officials were asked to advise what criteria would be

used, no clear answer was forthcoming. The worry is that China and India will get the lion's share of the funding while other developing countries will miss out. Also, some countries might have a higher nominal GDP but still remain a developing country in other ways. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, in my address to the Plenary as a traditional leader of a Small Island Developing State I asked for an intersessional body to work towards more clarity on eligibility criteria. I also asked for more consideration of non-chemical solutions to POPs problems, because often a chemical solution will make the problems worse in a Small Island Developing State. Thirdly, I asked that Best Available Technology and Best Environmental Practice guidelines be widened to include waste management, which is more relevant for Pacific Island and other Small Islands Developing States.

One positive example I was able to quote was the partnership between AusAID and a private environmental engineering company named GHD Australia Pty Ltd. They showcased a project involving 13 Pacific Island Countries, worked with government officials to identify POPs stockpiles, then went around again and packed up the chemicals safely before shipping them to Australia for safe destruction. A lot of other countries were interested in the project, and it was suggested that it could be replicated. The Cook Islands was the fourth Pacific Island country to participate, and although there have been delays occasioned by shipping and distance, it has proved to be a very practical way to assist Pacific Island countries to eliminate POPs.

My sponsors indicated at the end of the conference that they were happy with what I had achieved there, so I felt I had contributed something useful. I have returned home with renewed enthusiasm for the slogan THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY.

— Imogen Ingram

*Note: Te Kura Ora invites national representatives at conferences and workshops to send in copies of your reports for our monthly publications.*

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Prevention: Civil Forging Partnership to Prevent Violence and Conflict and Building Peace". Other Pacific islands were represented at the meeting.

As peace building was the main focus of the conference, I would like to stress that we are very lucky that our country is blessed with peace and serenity. But we must be wary of the current changes in the world."

Full report available at the secretariat.

**Fundraiser raises Fee:**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May CIANGO catered for the Internal Affairs, at the USP centre. Meitaki maata to organisations and individuals who assisted with preparation of morning tea and lunch. The proceeds from that fundraiser is directed to CIANGOs membership to ASPBAE and IAVE. Aunty Nga is team leader for the Fundraising committee.

**National meetings:**

Coordinator Vereara Maeava attended the ACP – EU Consultations and the Te Kainga conference.

**Disabilities Council AGM**

Tuki Wright has been re-elected President. Tuki will attend the World Disabilities Conference in Bangkok; there is support from NZAID for TA. A report on this meeting will be available at the Secretariat on Tuki's return.

**Te Kainga Training program**

Te Kainga held a training workshop on primary care in mental illness 18th to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Contact Polly Tongia for more information. The Matavera Sacred Hearts Women (contact: Madeleine Metcalf) run housie nights as a fundraiser to support Te Kainga's programmes.

**Care-givers support**

Another community support group that's steadily gaining strength is the Al.Anon volunteers which meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Response to the groups activities has seen an increase in the number of meetings being held per week with members slotting in sessions during lunch breaks.

**National Council of Women**

The fundraiser for Pukapuka Nassau cyclone rehabilitation efforts was a huge success at the Club Raro late April. This wouldn't have been possible of course without the dedication and generous contributions of members.

NCW's letter to Parliament on the Unit Titles Bill was supported by CIANGO. Select committee hearings on the controversial Bill is currently underway.

**World 'No Tobacco' Day**

May 31<sup>st</sup> designated 'no tobacco day' is one of many international/regional/national programme CIANGO supports to acknowledge the role and efforts of each of our member and affiliate organisations in these activities. Even as our finances are stretched, we all need moral support from each other. The Tobacco Steering committee meets regularly and runs a talkback programs on Tuesdays. Tune in and support their efforts.

**Housekeeping:**

*Global volunteers*

We have had a number of Global Volunteers come in to assist at the national office and this week we bid farewell and meitaki maata to Bob Romeo

who set up our library database on Microsoft Access. This makes our library more user friendly with quick access to information. Uncle Teanau – the Secretariat's long suffering assistant jack-of-all-trades has spent many hours inputting library data which has helped to make our lives easier! We are asking members if possible to come in if they can and support the work of our volunteers – a spot of light refreshment is a nice way of saying thanks. (hint..hint).

**Reminders**

Annual membership fees are due, so we hope to hear from you very soon. Intending members, please make use of the application form below and send to CIANGO office, Tupapa.

**Meetings**

Our monthly meetings are now held every third Wednesday of the month at 4.30pm sharp at the CIANGO office.

**CIANGO Membership Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Island: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address of Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Members in Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Men: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Women: \_\_\_\_\_

No of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Registration to CIANGO: \_\_\_\_\_

Current membership/numbers \_\_\_\_\_